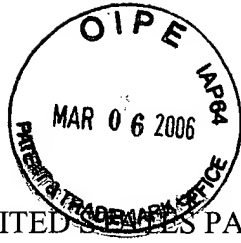


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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to JP 10-124442, which is listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and of which a copy is enclosed.

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Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with a Request For Continued Examination, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing and returning a copy of the attached Form PTO-1449.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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